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A BILL

23-567

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



To amend, on an emergency basis, section 3902 of Title 24 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to provide access to body-worn camera footage to certain parties connected to a deceased subject depicted in the footage.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Access to Body-Worn Camera Footage Temporary Regulation Amendment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. Section 24-3902.5(a) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended to read as follows:

“(a)(1) Pursuant to policy directives adopted under the authority of § 3900.3, the Department shall schedule a time for the following individuals to view a BWC recording at a police station in the police district in which the incident occurred:

- “(A) Any subject of the BWC recording;
- “(B) The subject's legal representative;
- “(C) If the subject is a minor, the subject's parent or legal guardian; or
- “(D) If the subject is deceased, the subject’s parent, legal guardian, next of kin, and their respective legal representatives.

27 “(2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a):

28 “(A) None of the individuals listed in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a)  
29 may make a copy of the BWC recording; and

30 “(B) The Department shall not schedule a time to view the BWC recording  
31 if access to the unredacted BWC recording would violate the individual privacy rights of any  
32 other subject.”.

33 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

34 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
35 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
36 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

37 Sec. 4. Effective date.

38 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by  
39 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review  
40 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
41 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
42 Columbia Register.

43 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.